

REMARKS

The present application is U.S. Serial No. 10/616,145, filed July 8, 2003. Claims 1-2, 4-16, 18-36, and 39-47 are pending in the application. Applicant notes with appreciation that Claims 3-6, 8-14, 17-20, 24-30, 37-40 and 43 are objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 1, 2, 7, 15, 16, 21-23, 31-36, 41, 42 and 44-47 are rejected. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of claim 3. Claim 3 has been canceled.

Claim 15 has been amended to include the features of claim 17. Claim 17 has been canceled.

Claim 31 has been amended to delete the features of former claim 37 and include the features of claim 38. Claim 38 has been canceled.

The amendments to claims 1, 15, and 31 have been made to expedite prosecution and are not an admission of the relevance of the cited references.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes claims 1-2, 4-16, 18-36, and 39-47 are in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is solicited. In the event it would facilitate prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (949) 350-7301.

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